



Maccabiah Games Israel 2025

6th – 22nd July
Games Handbook

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Dear participant,

Please find below key information regarding your participation at the Maccabiah Games 2025 as part of Team Maccabi GB. PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ ALL OF THIS INFORMATION VERY CAREFULLY AND IF YOU ARE A JUNIOR ATHLETE PASS THIS BOOKLET ON TO YOUR PARENT / GUARDIAN.

Alongside this Kit Handbook, we strongly recommend reading the '[Athlete Selection Guide](#)' sent upon selection, which includes all Medical, Discipline and Code of Conduct information for your participation in the Maccabiah Games as part of Team Maccabi GB.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Talia Fennessy on O2O 8457 2330.

Maccabi GB

At Maccabi GB, our vision is for '*A healthy, active and proud Jewish community integrated within British society*' and our new mission, developed as part of our Strategy 2024-2029 is 'to create inclusive sporting, community and educational experiences that strengthen Jewish identity, enhance wellbeing and inspire engagement in the Jewish community, Israel and beyond'.

Our programmes are broad and varied, and fit within three core themes: **Sport, Health and Wellbeing, Education and development of Jewish people and Contribution to British society**. Altogether, our programmes reach up to 100,000 Jewish and non-Jewish people across Great Britain each year.

Key Contacts

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Security

Maccabi GB has given in-depth security briefings at the Team GB Send-off day, and at the Parents Evening in preparation for the Maccabiah Games.

- Maccabi GB is working in partnership with CST to ensure that security is a priority throughout the Pre-Camp and the Maccabiah Games.
- The Maccabiah Games are fully protected by the police and local security resources – this includes hotels, sporting venues etc.
- The overall security plan is very comprehensive and professional.
- Junior athletes must follow specific Security directives, such as “No Junior Athlete is allowed to leave the Athlete Hotel, Sports Venues or any other official Maccabiah Games location unaccompanied”. This includes with their parent/guardian, without prior consent being obtained.
- When posting on Social Media, it is important to only post locations after visiting them, e.g. it is preferable to say “I was at..”, rather than “I am at...” or “I am going to...”
- Any updated security advice will be circulated to the Delegation prior to travelling to the Maccabiah.
- Please find below an in-depth guide on Israel’s Home Front Command Preparedness Information and the Team Maccabi GB security processes at the Maccabiah Games.

Should you have any questions in relation to security, please contact Nathan Servi, Chief Operating Officer & DSL on 020 8457 2333

Personal Data

As per the Maccabi GB Privacy Notice, we may have been required to send to third parties specific data that you have provided via your registration forms for International Games. This information may include, but is not limited to, name, date of birth and key medical information.

If you do not want us to use your data in this way, please email us at enquiries@maccabigb.org or write to us at Maccabi GB, The Stanley S Cohen OBE Centre, Shaftsbury Avenue, Kenton, HA3 ORD.

Please note that we will not, under any circumstances, sell your personal information to anyone else.

Medical Issues and Insurance

What happens if my medical condition has changed since I completed the medical form?

By now you will have completed and submitted your online medical forms to Maccabi GB via Operoo. If any changes occur in your medical condition between the time that you submitted the form and the start of the Maccabiah Games, you **MUST** inform Maccabi GB immediately. The Operoo medical form is a legally binding document. Failure to do so may result in non-payment of a claim. In addition, we reserve the right to send you home if any pre-existing medical condition or any medical history has not been fully and accurately disclosed.

Am I covered by travel and medical insurance while in Israel?

Maccabi GB is not providing a group travel insurance policy.

Every participant will need to have their own individual Travel Insurance Policy.

The travel insurance should include personal items and baggage cover. As this will be a personal policy, it will be the responsibility of the individual participant to make any claim against this should the need arise.

Maccabi GB will not be authorised to speak to an individual's insurer to make a claim.

Cash, expensive electrical items, mobile phones and tablets are brought at an individual's own risk.

Medical Insurance

Medical insurance is provided by the Maccabiah Games 2025 and is for the duration of the Maccabiah Games only (if you have extended your stay beyond 22nd July, you will need your own additional policy to cover you until your inbound journey back to the UK).

Pre-existing conditions may not be covered by the Maccabiah Games standard medical insurance. If you are concerned that this may apply to you, it is advisable to take out your own supplementary medical insurance.

Can I bring prescribed medication with me to the Games?

Yes. If you are taking prescribed medication then you must take a sufficient supply for the complete duration of the Games. In addition you must specify on your medical form the medication that you are taking. If you have begun to take a new medication since submitting your medical form please inform Maccabi GB of the medication that you are taking.

If you carry an Epi Pen or Asthma Inhaler then you will need to keep one with you at all times throughout the Games and hand one in to the Team Manager.

What if I am taking a prescribed drug which falls into the banned drugs category?

Sport is governed by a set of anti-doping policies, rules and guidelines called the World Anti-Doping Code. The code is the basis of World Anti-Doping Programme and it aims to harmonise the anti-doping rules governing all athletes, athlete support personnel and sports organisations in all countries.

A fundamental principle of the code is to protect the rights of all athletes that are committed to competing in sport cleanly and fairly. Maccabi GB has adopted the code, and is bound by the mandatory provisions of the code.

Please visit www.ukad.org.uk/support-personnel/prohibited-list or www.globaldro.com to ensure that your medication is not on the list of banned substances and if it is please notify Maccabi GB immediately. If you are taking a banned substance for medical reasons you will need to complete a TUE form. A copy of this must be with you at all times throughout the competition and a copy submitted to the Maccabi GB office. The form can be downloaded from the links above.

An important principle of the code is that of "strict liability". This means that athletes are personally responsible for any prohibited substance found in their system – regardless of how it got there.

Valuables

Should I bring any valuables with me?

It is strongly advised not to bring any valuables (e.g. jewellery) or to carry too much money with you.

Luggage

How much hold luggage can I take?

We recommend you take up to 23kg of luggage. Please check with the airline you are flying with for specific allowance and luggage dimensions.

Your hold luggage should include all sport playing kit e.g. football boots, shin pads, clothing etc.

What about sports equipment?

Golf bags, fencing bags & bike cases can be taken as an additional piece of hold luggage. Racket Sports (such as Tennis, Table Tennis Padel & Pickleball) should pack their rackets in their suitcase. They will need to contact the office if they wish to have this pre booked separately. This will be prearranged for you by Maccabi GB. These must weigh no more than 23kg.

Sport Playing Kit must be packed by each athlete within their allocated 1 piece of hold luggage, unless advised otherwise by their Manager.

You cannot just arrive at the airport with any additional items/sports equipment, as they will not be allowed onto the plane.

What about hand baggage?

You are also entitled to one piece of hand baggage fitting the airline's hand luggage allowance and dimensions.

We recommend you take your Team Maccabi GB Team Uniform Bag as hand baggage. If you have booked your own flights, please check with the airline for all of the above, as this can differ.

Can I bring electrical appliances?

All British electrical appliances are suitable for use in Israel but sockets differ from those used in the UK. You are advised to bring a suitable travel adapter with you for Israel.

Passport

What about a Passport?

You need a full passport to travel to Israel. Make sure that you have a valid passport with an expiry date at least 6 months after the Games.

Alongside this, everyone who is not an Israeli Citizen will need to obtain a visa, information has been sent to yourselves on how to complete this, you **MUST** show this as proof to your team manager (or one of the management team should you be in an individual sport). [Click here to apply](#)

In Israel, Team Managers will collect passports from the Junior Athletes to store safely. Please remember to bring your passport to the airport with you on the day of your departure.

Flights

Please see additional personalised email with your flights details. This will be sent on week commencing 9th June 2025. Please ensure you read this carefully.

Kit

What will I receive in my uniform bag?

Each athlete will receive a Team Uniform bag from Maccabi GB with the generic Team Maccabi GB uniform. All sports playing kits will be provided by your individual teams and will be distributed by your Sports Management prior to departure.

The Team Maccabi GB Uniform contains:

- 1 x Sports Bag
- 1 x White Zipped Hoodie
- 1 x Polo shirts (White)
- 3 x T-shirts (Red, Navy & White)
- 1 x Opening Ceremony T-Shirt (White)
- 3 x Shorts (Or Skorts)
- 1 x Cap
- 1 x Water Bottle
- 1 x Drawstring Bag
- Pin Badges

Are there times that specific kit items are mandatory?

Outbound Journey:

You must wear the Team Maccabi GB hoodie and the white polo and the navy short / skort. If the weather in the UK upon departure is cold then you are welcome to wear navy tracksuit bottoms or navy leggings.

Opening Ceremony:

You must wear the Team Maccabi GB white Opening Ceremony T-Shirt and the navy short/ skort. It may be cooler in Jerusalem at night, so we suggest bringing the white team uniform hoodie.

There should be no problem with sizes. If, however any kit does not fit please advise your Team Manager in the first instance who will try to arrange a swap within your squad.

We have placed the order with reference to the sizes originally ordered by you.

Remember to attach a coloured ribbon, bandanna or other identifying feature to your kit bag to distinguish it from the others.

Under no circumstances are you to wear any official clothing prior to your departure to Israel.

What do I do when I arrive at the airport?

The Management will be waiting for you there, please report to your Team Manager and make them aware that you have arrived at the airport. Please do not be late. The entire squad will check in together once all have arrived.

Please ensure that you are dressed in the kit as per below.



Credentials

When and where do I need to wear my Credentials?

Once in Israel you must wear your credentials (your personal ID) at all times for strict observance of security regulations and in order to use transport, gain entry to events or gain access to food etc.

Should you lose your ID card you must report the loss to your Manager immediately. Please ensure you conform to all security requests as these will be made for specific reasons. Our security and your safety is the number one priority.

Disciplinary

How are disciplinary matters dealt with?

Disciplinary matters will be dealt with in the first instance by your Team Manager. However, if it is of a more serious nature it will be referred to relevant representatives of the Team Maccabi GB Organising Committee and its Disciplinary Committee.

Please do not do anything that could lead to your expulsion from the Games. Be warned we have sent people home in the past.

Now would be a good time to re-read your [Selection Guide](#), which you agreed to online when you were selected and include the full Team Maccabi GB [Code of Conduct and Discipline Procedure](#)

If you are sent home from the Games you will not be refunded and will be charged for the cost of the return flight and any other related expenses.

Opening Ceremony

What are the rules surrounding the Opening Ceremony?

Attendance at the Opening Ceremony is compulsory and you must wear the official uniform as outlined above. There may be a long wait at the venue prior to the Ceremony whilst all the competing nations assemble. Please be patient and follow all instructions from the Management team.

Can I swap kit items with other countries athletes at any time during the Games?

You are at liberty to swap all items in your possession after the Opening Ceremony, except playing kit and tracksuit, of which you must wait until after the final day of your particular sport. Under no circumstances is your tracksuit to be swapped until the final day of your particular sport. (We would not want you to collect your gold medal in anything other than a MGB Tracksuit). We advise that you limit swapping until later on in the Games.

Souvenirs and swapping is a major part of the Games, but it is forbidden to sell any of your kit, under any circumstances.

Care and Attention

Are there any specific areas where special care and attention should be taken?

Take due care in the following:

- a) Keep your head covered (Wear a hat!) and apply sun block. Ensure you drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration, especially during sports events.
- b) During competition, listen to your Manager's instructions and where necessary, get a good night's sleep.
- c) Always be punctual for training, meetings and above all competition.

Events/Functions/Closing Ceremony

There are various official functions as well as the Closing Ceremony, where attendance is compulsory.

Money - Juniors

How much money should I take?

We would advise that you take no more than £200 converted into Israeli Shekels. You are responsible for any money that you bring with you to Israel and Maccabi GB takes no responsibility if the money is lost or stolen.

Clothing List

What clothing do I need to bring with for the duration of the Games?

Team Playing Kit

Casual clothes suitable for outings, parties/discos and Shabbat i.e. good pair of chinos/skirt/dress

T-Shirts

Shorts

Swimwear

Towel

Underwear and sleeping attire

Trainers or comfortable shoes

Flip flops or pool shoes

Sunglasses

Toiletries

Sunscreen/lip balm

Spare inhalers or medication, clearly labeled with your name

Writing materials

Money belt or similar for keeping your money safe

Ribbon, bandanna or a clearly identifiable item to attach to your Kit Bag

Contact lens'/lotions/glasses - if you wear them

Spare Kippah

Spare Cap

Travel wash

Insect repellent spray

Spare water bottle

Electrolytes

Extra medication

Sleeping Bags are NOT required

Hiking boots are NOT required

O19 – E Sims

To book your package for an eSIM, which is essential for accessing mobile data and a **must-have** for this year's Maccabiah Games (to use the Home Command App and Maccabiah App), participants are advised to use our recommended provider, O19.

Please follow the link and complete the simple steps.

Please note that Maccabi GB only recommends O19 – it is your responsibility to ensure this is arranged. We are unable to act on your behalf for technical support or assistance with this.



https://www.charges.co.il/groups/maccabi_gb

Maccabiah WhatsApp Group for Athletes only



Key Events at the Maccabiah Games

Outside of the sports competition what other activities or events are taking place?

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Squads</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sunday 6th July	Morning	Junior/Open/Masters (who are participating in Pre Camp)	Departure from UK
Monday 7th July	All Day	Junior/Open/Masters (who are participating)	Jewish Identity Programme begins
Tuesday 8th July	Afternoon	Masters	Departure from UK
Thursday 10th July	Evening	All	Opening Ceremony
Monday 21st July	Evening	All	Closing Ceremony
Tuesday 22nd July	All Day	All	Departure from Israel

Israel's Home Front Command Preparedness Information

What is Israel's Home Front Command?

- The Home Front Command (HFC) is entrusted with civil defence in routine times and in emergencies. It oversees safety, security, and emergency instructions for Israeli citizens.
- Its objective: "to save lives, minimise the damage to lives and infrastructure, and provide assistance in conjunction with emergency organisations, local authorities, government ministries, and public bodies on the civil front in maintaining the State of Israel's endurance and essential services..."
- Provides real-time guidance during conflicts through a dedicated HFC app.

HFC App & Maccabiah App

- The HFC app provides emergency alerts, including siren notifications and critical guidelines and advice.
- During the Maccabiah, all participants must download the Maccabiah App, which integrates the HFC App.

Protected Spaces in Israel

- Every building in Israel has designated Protected Spaces:
- MAMAD, MAMAK, or Bomb Shelters in buildings.
- Public bomb shelters are available and clearly signposted.
- All Maccabiah facilities will have marked protected spaces.
- Follow Israeli staff instructions during emergencies.

What to Do When a Siren Sounds

- Depending on location, HFC states a length of time from siren to entering a Protected Space.
- Most locations used during the Maccabiah allow 60-90 seconds to reach a protected space. (Sirens are automatically triggered even when projectiles are intercepted before entering Israeli airspace)
- Stay calm—far more injuries occur from panic / running than actual threats.

Follow these steps:

- Indoors: Go to the designated Protected Space (Shelter or Staircase), sit below window level, and stay away from windows.
- Outdoors: Enter the nearest building. If no shelter is available, lie down and cover your head.
- In a Vehicle: Pull over safely, exit, and find a shelter. If none available, lie down and cover your head.
- On a Bus/Coach: The driver will stop and provide instructions.
- After 10 minutes, you may leave the shelter unless instructed otherwise.

- Avoid unidentified objects or debris.

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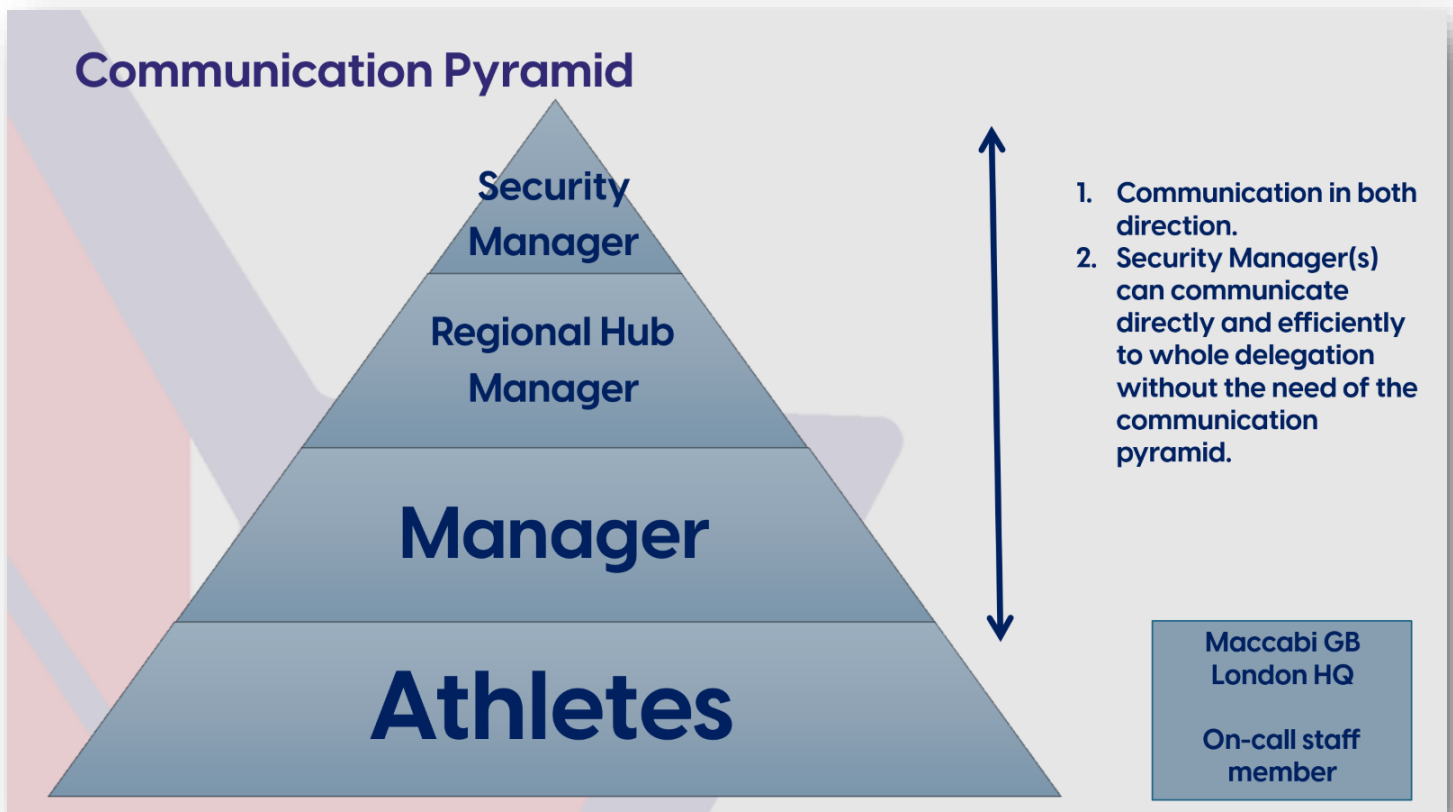
- oref.org.il
- "The Home Front Command - My family's preparations in case of missile strikes"
- Maccabiah 25 – Operations Information

Team Maccabi GB - Emergency Roll Call Protocol

Key principles:

- Official Maccabi GB Delegation members only
- Communication via pre-established WhatsApp groups
- From siren to Next of Kin email within 2 hours
- Managed from Israel and in London
- 3 Regional Accommodation Hubs:
 - Haifa
 - Tel Aviv/Netanya
 - Jerusalem

Communication Pyramid



Athlete

- Each athlete is assigned a roommate or “buddy”.
- They are responsible for knowing their roommate’s whereabouts.
- Athletes will be allocated a specific Manager (Coach/ Junior Management Team)

If a siren occurs:

- Athlete reports their own status to their allocated Manager
- If Athlete knows their buddy is with them/asleep/in the pool (e.g. unresponsive and not near their phone) they can confirm their buddy is safe.

Manager

- Collects status updates from all assigned athletes.
- Once all athletes are accounted for, informs the Regional Hub Manager.
- Flags any unresponsive/unaccounted for individuals immediately.

Regional Hub Manager

- Oversees one of the three regional accommodation hubs.
- Aggregates updates from all Managers within their hub.
- Reports complete or incomplete roll call to MGB Security Managers.

MGB Security Managers

- Responsible for national oversight of the delegation’s security.
- Receive and consolidate updates from all three Regional Hub Managers.
- Confirm once all athletes are accounted for within effected regional area.

Maccabi GB London HQ - On-call staff member

- Receives final confirmation from Security Managers.
- Sends official message to Next of Kin (NOK)

Message format: *“There has been a siren in [region]. Your athlete has been accounted for and is safe.”*

- This will all be complete with a maximum of 2 hours – this manages the expectations when NOK will be informed. If it can be completed sooner it will.